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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned patent application on August 14, 2002, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 28 of page 3 with the following paragraph.

A further aspect of the invention encompasses a knockout mouse featuring a knockout mutation in a genomic mouse *Sal2*